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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Natalie A. Davis

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 March 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's amendment filed 4 March 2002 (Paper No: 8) is acknowledged. Accordingly, claims 1-4 are amended, claim 5 is cancelled, and claim 21 is new, claim 3 is rejoined with the elected invention, and claims 1-4 and 6-8 are pending and under examination.

Response to Arguments

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112 1st Maintained

1. Rejection of claims 1-4, and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C.112, first paragraph is maintained for reasons set forth in the previous office action. The traversal is on the grounds that the specification discloses the cDNA and fragments or variants thereof may be used in hybridization, amplification, and screening technologies to identify and distinguish among SEQ ID NO: 1-2 and related molecules. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are not persuasive because the invention of claims 1(b) and 3(c) are drawn to an cDNA encoding a protein variant having 80% identity to SEQ ID NO: 1 and a cDNA or complement thereof comprising a variant of SEQ ID NO: 3 which is at least 80% identical to SEQ ID NO: 3. This includes a whole universe of cDNA with 80% identity to SEQ ID NO: 1 and/or 3. One cannot extrapolate the teachings of the specification to the breadth of the claims because the claims are broadly drawn. One of ordinary skill in the art would not know how to select for the claimed invention because there is no guidance as to what function the cDNA must possess in order to function as contemplated. The rejection may be overcome if the claim were to recite an activity for the protein in which the cDNA encodes or what function the cDNA possess.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 Withdrawn

2. Rejection of claims 1-2 and 4-8 over Boll, et al. (1993) under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is withdrawn in view of amendments.

New Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. Claims 1(c) and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- a. Claim 1(c) recites antigenic epitope of SEQ ID NO: 1. This is indefinite as it is not clear whether the antigenic epitope comprises SEQ ID NO: 1 or a fragment thereof.
- b. Claim 6 is indefinite, as it is not clear if the probe comprises SEQ ID NO: 1 or a portion thereof.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code (p. 32). Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. See MPEP § 608.01.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Natalie A. Davis whose telephone number is 703-308-6410. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5:30 (every other Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Caputa PhD can be reached on 703-308-3995. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-4315 for regular communications and 703-308-4556 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0196.

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May 31, 2002

